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**TWO HENDERSON ILLEGAL ALIENS CHARGED WITH BRINGING
A MINOR ALIEN INTO UNITED STATES**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that an **Information was filed** by the United States Attorney charging **JUAN MANUEL ESPINOSA-GONZALEZ**, age 28, and **MARIA DOLORES HERNANDEZ-ESPINOSA**, age 28, both of 1629 South Main Street, Henderson, Kentucky, conspiring to bring an alien into the United States.

The Information alleges that between January 2006 and May 2006, **Espinosa-Gonzalez** and **Hernandez-Espinosa** conspired to smuggle M.C. (a minor illegal alien) into the United States. Specifically, court records state that on or about January 2006, **Espinosa-Gonzalez** and **Hernandez-Espinosa** agreed and planned to smuggle M.C. and her mother, knowing they were both aliens of Mexican nationality, into the United States from Mexico. On or about April 2006, **Espinosa-Gonzalez** and **Hernandez-Espinosa** learned that only M.C. had made it across the border and money was needed to pay the smuggler. **Espinosa-Gonzalez** said that **Hernandez-Espinosa** then wired \$2400.00 via Western-Union to M.C.'s uncle, who delivered the money to the smuggler and

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picked up M.C. **Hernandez-Espinosa** contributed \$900.00 dollars for the smuggling fee, and **Espinosa-Gonzalez** paid the remaining amount. Approximately 15 days later, **Hernandez-Espinosa** traveled to Denver, Colorado, where she took custody of M.C. and returned to Henderson, Kentucky.

The maximum potential penalties are not more than 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison T. Sewell and was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Henderson Police Department.

Espinosa-Gonzalez and **Hernandez-Espinosa** are scheduled to appear for arraignment/change of plea before the United States District Court Judge Heyburn on September 26, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The charge of a person by information is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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